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FROM	Chief, Munich Liaison Base			MICROFILM
SUBJECT	CATIDE UJVAVLT Dr. Gerhard HOPP			
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES				
TRACES REQUESTED				
REFERENCE: BONN-7745, 25 January 1965				
<p>1. The BND's Alias HERMSDORF is requesting traces of operational interest on Dr. Gerhard HOPP, born 15 June 1913, POB unknown, currently living Munich 23, Osterwaldstrasse 55. HERMSDORF discussed this case with [redacted] stating that HOPP had been traced with us previously but that he was not satisfied that the trace replies had been complete. According to HERMSDORF, HOPP is active as a free lance businessman in the armaments field and as a lobbyist in Bonn. During the Nazi regime he was a leader in a student movement. After the war, he allegedly was in contact with the AIS. He reportedly had trouble with the AIS and his parting from them was not an amicable one. HOPP is now a well-known and influential person in German industrial circles, but rumors about his past work for the AIS and allegations that the Americans consider him untrustworthy continue to circulate. HERMSDORF desires to get to the bottom of the matter. He plans to approach HOPP if the allegations about his past can be cleared up. HERMSDORF remarked also that HOPP was a very close friend of Harold QUANDT, Jr., the son of Magda GOEBBELS' first husband; the QUANDTs became rich through their Nazi connections and managed to hold on to their money in the post-war period.</p>				
ATTACHMENT: All Agency Name Trace Forms HEREWITH				
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2. A review of our file on HOPP reveals that HOPP was never properly traced with us by the BND. The first mention of HOPP by the BND was in a memorandum from the BND Liaison Office asking whether it was true that the Americans had taken away HOPP's clearance; we forwarded the question in MUNI-1784, 22 January 1965. Reference indicated that no United States agency had granted or cancelled any clearances for HOPP. We passed that information on to the BND. In February 1965 we received a request for priority BDC traces on HOPP; no other traces were requested. This we transmitted in MUNI-1865, February 1965; a positive reply was received in EGMA-78928, February 1965 and was sent to the BND on 1 March 1965. On 17 March 1965 HOPP's name was included in a routine request for BDC traces from CATIDE's operational security section; we simply referred to our previous memorandum containing the BDC traces. At no time did the BND ask for full traces or express operational interest. The case was also never brought up orally by anyone in the BND prior to HERMSDORF's discussion with [redacted] on 30 September 1965.

3. Munich files further indicate that HOPP was traced in BONN-6716, August 1964 on behalf of PBSWING. At that time MUNI-0590, August 1964 indicated no Base or CACROZE traces. EGMA-3761, September 1964 indicated no KUDOVE traces but provided background data from KUPALM/BR records. EGMA-28204, 9 October 1964 provided BONN comments on HOPP and his activities. Additional research in Munich files turned up references to HOPP in EGMA-64123, 15 June 1955; the dispatch was entitled: "Information on Professor Ludwig WESCH". The dispatch which was primarily about HOPP's and WESCH's activities in the business world, suggested that HOPP was rumored to have ties to the BND and suggested further that both HOPP and WESCH would bear watching. The dispatch indicated that HOPP had special connections with Dr. MEINKE, an infrared specialist in Switzerland and "an established intelligence target". Munich files contain no identifiable traces on MEINKE. We found no further identifiable traces on HOPP.

4. Headquarters traces have already been received but in order to round out the picture and assure HERMSDORF, we have run complete traces, we are forwarding herewith All Agency Name Trace Request Forms to CSB and CLS for tracing the Services.

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